

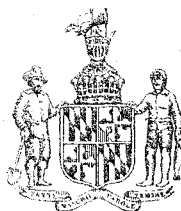
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Postal Regulatory Commission
Dan G. Blair, Chairman
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Subject: EPM - Docket

Dear Mr. Blair,

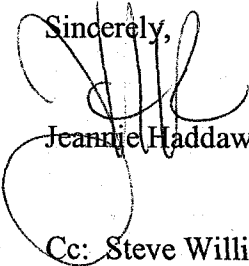
In 2005, I introduced a bill in the Maryland Legislature that amended the Maryland, Universal Electronic Transactions Act (UETA). This new law recognizes an electronic record authenticated by the USPS Electronic Postmark (EPM), as having the same legal protections as U.S. Mail. I understand that your agency is reviewing all of the services offered by the USPS as required by the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act.

I supported this change to the Maryland law because my constituents need a trusted way to do business electronically and to complete electronic transactions without fear and financial risk. It is my belief that neither USPS nor the private sector alone can meet these needs, however a public private partnership using the USPS EPM can.

By USPS providing the EPM and private firms providing the services and applications, the public has a trusted way to do electronic business. In Maryland, the public is not required to use the EPM service but if they do, they are protected by the law and by the USPS, which prevents fraud.

I respectfully request that the USPS continue to provide the EPM. Please feel free to contact me if you would like any additional information.

Sincerely,


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Cc: Steve Williams, Secretary

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